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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 23, 2002, please consider the remarks submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 17-23 are all of the claims currently pending in this application.

35 U.S.C. §103 - Claims 17, 18, 21 and 23:

The Examiner rejects claims 17, 18, 21 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Brande (U.S. Patent No. 4,795,172) in view of Masutani et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,401,574 [hereinafter "Masutani"]). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the following remarks.